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#### MR. PEARSON'S LETTER.

Readers of the Daily Herald will remember that the Hon. Richmond Pearson, of Asheville, one of the most prominent republican leaders in the State, and late minister to Persia and Greece and withal a gentleman of great intellectual powers and high social prominence recently gave to the press a letter containing his reasons why he would not accept the republican nomination for the State Senate, which as the Gazette-News tersely puts it, is easily the most interesting contribution to the literature of the present campaign.

It appears from his letter, that on the 16th inst. Mr. Pearson was visited by Messrs. J. J. Britt, at present representing Buncombe county in the State Senate. T. F. Roland, the county chairman, and T. J. Harkins, chairman of the City Executive committee, who asked Mr. Pearson if he "would accept the nomination for the State Senate." In reply to their inquiry, Mr. Pearson "told these gentlemen emphatically and unequivocally that he could not accept the nomination for reasons which he stated to them frankly."

On the 23rd inst. in the face of Mr. Pearson's declension made to Messrs. Britt, Roland and Harkins, he was overwhelmingly endorsed in the republican primaries for the position, which made it imperative on the part of Mr. Pearson, to state publicly to those republicans who had supported him in the primaries. The reasons which actuated him to decline the nomination. This he did in the following caustic language:

"I cannot run, or stand, or sit for the office in question for the plain reason, that I cannot endorse, or defend, or justify, or explain, or extenuate, or understand the persistent and obstinate insults which the actual president and head of the party has heaped upon the twelve hundred thousand and white republicans of the Southern States, who honored him by their confidence and their suffrages at the last elections."

Mr. Pearson, still further scores the president for not heeding the rebukes administered to his administration in the 6th district of Missouri and the disastrous reverses in the 14th Massachusetts and the 32nd New York districts," and says in conclusion that they "seem to have had no effect upon Mr. Taft, and he will probably continue in his fatuous course until the elections in next November reveal the fact that he has lost friends in our party and gained neither votes nor thanks from the other."

That Mr. Pearson is a man of ability, goes without saying, and, in one opinion the most astute republican politician in North Carolina, and when he is found, refusing to serve his party by not accepting a nomination which was tendered him with "practical unanimity," he may well conclude that the political Seer of Richmond Hill, has discovered that there are dangerous breakers ahead of the republican craft and that he does not propose to go down with Taft, Payne and Cannon, to political oblivion in November next.

#### Conditions in the Tenth District.

The outlook in the tenth district grows brighter each day, and if every democrat does his duty between now and the 8th of next November the majority for Mr. Gudger will be decisive.

Since the adjournment of the Democratic Convention, which nominated Mr. Gudger, every democrat, with whom we have conversed, has emphatically stated that there are no dissensions anywhere in the district, unless in Buncombe; and even that county, we have been unable to find a single Democrat, who will not give to our nominee, a cordial and loyal support.

It was the evident intention of the convention, by nominating a Buncombe man, to "put it up" to that county to say whether we are to have a democrat or republican representative in the next congress, and the democrats of Buncombe, realizing the responsibility that has been placed upon them are working steadfastly and loyally to effectuate the redemption of the district by the election of Mr. Gudger.

But Buncombe cannot do everything alone and therefore thorough compact organization in every county should at once take the place of supine indifference, if we are to be successful in November. We, therefore, again urge our party friends, from Cherokee toutherford, to get busy, and keep busy until the sun goes down on the 8th of November.

Organize clubs, disseminate literature, go to every voter that you can possibly reach and talk to him as a democrat and a brother. Explain the issues involved in the contest, and as far as you can, the great inequalities of the present tariff law, and the iniquities of the illegal trusts and combines that have been fostered and kept alive by class legislation. And remember, that there is no voter in the district, be he ever so humble, but has influence with some other voter whom he can reason with and induce to vote with us.

Do your duty Democrats and all will be well. The next Congress-man must be a democrat for the next House of Representatives will most assuredly be democratic.

#### HITS REPUBLICANS HARD.

The cotton mill men of North Carolina have been hard hit by unsettled conditions of the country in industrial circles for the past three years. Many mills have been forced to close, while scores of those continuing operations at all are running on "short time." The situation is becoming more serious all the time and there are no prospects for better times in the immediate future. The following dispatch recently sent out from Durham is significant just here:

"The Erwin cotton mills are closed for a week, in which repairs, rest, and suspension of business and a few other things cause an idleness good for the markets.

The Erwin mills, perhaps the best off in the country, certainly a syndicate backed by the readiest money and richest men of the South, have been hard struck by a panic, which Manager W. A. Erwin pronounces the worst that he has experienced in his twenty-five years of mill work. Proverbially considerate of their employees, and always taking actions in advance of the statutes of the commonwealth in the matter of regulation, the mills have nevertheless, been forced to curtail because of the unexplained disparity between raw and finished cotton. The new Erwin mill has been completed but it will not begin work until there is a change in the markets and of such a change, mill owners, especially Mr. Erwin, can see no immediate prospect. A few days ago Mr. Erwin talking of this situation, said: "They talk about Cleveland panics, free soup and other things, I want somebody to name this one. I am waiting for it. I do not see no prospect of an early change."

"Mr. Erwin, however, was giving

ing out no political interview and did not know that he would be quoted in this connection. The Erwin mills will be able to run and stand up under any panic. They have the money, but they are having a hard time, having recently built million dollar mill without now having any cause for turning a wheel."

In this reference to industrial conditions Mr. Erwin expresses an opinion the truthfulness of which cannot be questioned. The manufacturing industry is finding great difficulty in tiding over these troublous times and republican spell-binders are going to find an attempted defense of the old prosperity cry, this year, quite a difficult proposition in comparison to what it has been for the past eight or ten years. The idea of "protection" has become rampant and inflated securities are rapidly on the decline. The Payne-Aldrich law has contributed largely to the present state of affairs and relief can come only through the election of a democratic congress. Let the Tenth district contribute to such a result by making a determined effort to give their candidate a rousing majority this fall.

Mary Ann Butler has made a warm reply to that letter of Mr. R. G. White, a Greensboro business man, attacking said Butler's former record. Mary Ann uses vigorous language, calls people liars and threatens to have a say at the republican state convention. The White letter was enough to draw the fire from him, notwithstanding it contained the naked truth.

With two democrats running in the sixth district, both claiming to have been regularly nominated, republicans have a rather inviting field. Those eastern fellows are "warm numbers," and war. We admire their combative spirit but not the apparent intention of putting each other out of business.

Judge Ewart is not in the habit of lining up with Marion Butler, but there seems to be an effort to conscript him this year. Grant, Butler and Morehead have issued orders and the smaller fry must "come to the scratch."

It will be a rather surprising incident to see the delegation from Judge Ewart's home lining up with his former traducer. But that is what will happen in the republican state convention next month, when the Henderson county delegation flocks to the standard of Marion Butler. These be strange times upon which we have fallen.

A greater number of textile manufacturing enterprises have been placed in the hands of receivers, or suspended operations entirely, during the past two years in North Carolina, than within any similar period for twenty-five years. And many of those still running are operating at a loss in the hope of holding their operatives for service later on, in the event of improved conditions. The Payne-Aldrich bill has retarded the progress of the cotton mill industry all over the south and recruits to the republican party this year, on account of the old prosperity cry, or otherwise, are not likely to give the democracy any serious concern. The shoe is going to pinch the other foot this time.

"Running on short time and would not operate at all, but for the obligation we feel due to employees who have patiently stood by us through these distressing times," is the declaration of numbers of cotton mill men throughout North Carolina. Can it be possible that such conditions exist during a republican administration which has given to the manufacturers of the country the highest protective tariff law ever before enacted? And to think, too, that the representative from this congressional district voted for the passage of such a law and is asking the people to endorse his cause by returning him to congress.

#### "GO WEST, YOUNG MAN" TO SEE THE COUNTRY, BUT COME SOUTH TO GROW UP ITS PROSPERITY.

There has been going the rounds of the daily press a story of a young man from these parts, who went out west to look around at the country,—and see if Greely advice was still in an acceptable state of preservation, and below we give the result of his observation. (What follows is not intended to controvert the stories, some of which we readily concede to be true, of the men who at home have not been able to get very far away from the bread line, but have made reasonable, and, sometimes, noticeable, successes in the farming districts of the great West. This young man evidently had looked about him before he left, and taken note of the successes in this part of the country, as well as the failures. And when he went West he likewise took notice of the failures as well as the successes). "The West is a good country, and lots of people are doing well out there, but so far as I can see, there are just as many people doing well at home. In the West they have plenty of water for irrigation purposes, where provisions for irrigation have been made, but in this part of the country we have just as much water as we need for our crops, and do not have to irrigate."

"In the West a farmer gets up by daylight and works every available minute in a thorough, intelligent manner, with the result that his crop from a one-man farm is something wonderful to hear about. But in South Carolina, the farmer who puts the same amount of work and the same amount of brains into his farming operations raises just as much, and gets just as much or more for it."

"It is true that some people who were ne'er-do-wells in the East are prosperous in the West, but these are the men who have, so to speak, turned over a new leaf—the men who have realized that careless management and half-hearted work were not going to accomplish anything, and have felt that they wanted to put all the scenes of failure behind. These are the men who have gone into the West and gone to work with an aim in view, and have consistently striven to make good; but they could have done the same at home."

"They say on the great plains a man can grow a given amount of produce with one-third the labor it requires in the East. Well, maybe so, but I can't see what it profits him if he two-thirds of his time that he still has left has to be divided between building cyclone cellars and scooting into them."

"The West is all right; with its irrigations and cyclones, with its zephyrs and blizzards, its rolling stretches of green grass, and lowing herds and prairie fires—it's a great country. Go out there and grow up with it if you like. I've seen it, given it a fair chance to prove its claims, and without hesitation tell you, it's Carolina for mine."

We hardly know where to begin to congratulate this young man. He has rung the bell on his target at the first shot, and has furnished the data to substantiate the claim that the shot was a fair one. He has investigated both sides of the question and has reached a conclusion that will at once be apparent by correct to all persons who have given the matter careful thought. (Deep down in the honesty of the heart of every man who is a failure under the conditions existing in South Carolina and a good many of the other Southern and Eastern States, there exists the knowledge of the cause of that failure, and if you can succeed in reach-

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ing that point, any of the men that are rated as such will tell you that the country was not in the least responsible. There is in store for the man of the South who owns property—and any man who wants to own property—and is doing anything like his duty in either the use of development of it, a success besides which the call of the West with its marvelous growth and history of achievement is a sound which he doesn't hear, and doesn't need to heed if he did.

#### DEMOCRACY THE ONLY HOPE

The action of the Ohio convention last week in endorsing Taft and the Payne-Aldrich monstrosity means that the people need not expect any relief from outrageous tariff burdens from the republican party. Their only hope, therefore, is through cooperation with the democrats. In the Ohio convention Mr. Roosevelt's son-in-law, Congressman Nicholas Longworth, was temporary chairman and made the principal speech of the occasion. He declared allegiance to The Taft administration and expressed adherence to the Payne-Aldrich tariff law in unequivocal terms, asserting that the republican party is responsible for it and stands duty bound to defend its provision. Of course Mr. Longworth realizes his political fortunes are in the hands of the majority faction of the republicans organization in Ohio and he does not care to commit political hair by antagonizing the powers that be. What does Mr. Longworth care for the excessive burdens upon consumers, so long as he can retain his seat in congress. He very well knows the iniquitous provisions of the Payne-Aldrich bill are largely responsible for the present discomfiting state of affairs the country over; but, being a representative of the "interest" this does not annoy him.

The republican party must, of course, assume responsibility for this tariff legislation and go before the people with the story that new law is the best ever. President Taft has declared that to be so and why should not his subordinates echo the utterances of their

chief? Nobody expects them to do otherwise. But it is "up to" the voters of the country to repudiate the entire bunch. The time is ripe for a change and the sentiment of the people strongly indicates such a conclusion. In every election held since the Payne-Aldrich law became effective the voters have registered, in unmistakable terms, their disgust for and disapproval of the bill. Insurgent republicans in congress stood with the democrats in opposition to it, but, under the leadership of trust-made representatives, the majority party, which had previously pledged to the people measures of relief, actually enacted a statute that increases, rather than curtails the oppressive burdens they had promised to remove. The Minnesota democrats have taken a position upon the tariff question that is easily understood, evidenced by the following plank in their state platform: indications are that the Colonel's effusion will not deter the Grantites from their support of the Butler program. We shall see.

"We deplore the weakness and timidity of President Taft who with his own campaign promises still fresh but dominated by the predatory interests, weakly failed to use the tremendous forces of his high office to force a recreant congressional majority to do its duty on tariff reform. No subsequent effort to fulfill party promises can atone for this supreme failure to restore public confidence."

There are thousands of insurgent republicans in Minnesota and here is a chance for them to vote the courage of their convictions by supporting the party that stands by the people, regardless

John Grant's little pap sucker, J. W. Norwood, census supervisor for the Tenth district, has succeeded in getting Haywood republicans in their convention last Monday, to instruct delegates to the republican state convention for Marion Butler's protege John Motley Morehead. This is further evidence in substantiation of the charge that Grant, Morehead and Butler are tarred with the same stick.